Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—It might have happened : but the manner in which the question has been framed shows that it is hypothetical. When courts give awards, Government cannot give higher awards.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—If courts give higher awards, would Government consider the desirability of applying such awards to the cases of persons who cannot go to the court for various reasons.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA—The Land Acquisition Officer will take note of it.

Shortage of Ganja in the Government Godown at Bangalore.

*Q.—448. Sri V. SRINIVAS SHETTY (Coondapoor).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that 146 tolas of Ganja disappea ed from the Government Godown at Bangalore recently ;

(*b*) what action has been taken against the persons in-charge of the Ganja :

c) what is the value of Ganja that has disappeared ;

(*d*) at what stage the investigation stands in this case ?

A—Sri N. RACHIAH (Minister for Social Welfare, Excise and Prohibition).-

(*a*) Shortage of 146 seers 20 tolas was found at the time of stock verification.

(*b*) The matter is under investigation.

(*c*) Rs. 511-87 nP.

(*d*) *Vide* reply to clause (*b*).

Sri V. SRINIVAS SHETTY.—When was this theft discovered ?

Sri N. RACHAIAH.—It is not actually 'theft'. The shortage was found on 30th January 1959.

Sri V. SRINIVAS SHETTY.—Who is the person entrusted with the investigation of this case?

Sri N. RACHIAH.—The matter has been entrusted to the Anti-Corruption Special Officer.

Sri V. SRINIVAS SHETTY.—In whose custody were these articles, at the time they were stolen ?

Sri N. RACHAIAH.—With the Head-quarters Assistant to the Excise Commissioner.

Sri V. SRINIVAS SHETTY.—What is the progress made in the investigation ?

Sri N. RACHIAH.—The Special Officer, Anti-Corruption, has made an interim report and the Government are awaiting his final report.

Sri V. SRINIVAS SHETTY.—Is the officer who was in-charge of the articles, when they were stolen, still in his post ?

Sri N. RACHIAH.—Yes, He is in the same post.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—May I know when this shortage was discovered ?

Sri N. RACHIAH.—I have already furnished an answer.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—If there is a shortage in a depot, what has the Anti-Corruption Department to do with it. Do Government suspect theft ?

Sri N. RACHIAH.—Whenever we feel so, we refer the matter to the Anti-Corruption Department. In fact, when I received a report, I went along with the Special Officer of the Anti-Corruption Department, to the Ganja stores and we actually inspected the stores and then the Government referred the matter on 4th February 1959 to the Anti-Corruption Department and the matter is pending investigation.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ಜೆ. ದೊಡ್ಡಮೇಟಿ.—ಕಾಳು, ಕಡ್ಡಿ, ಇಂಥ ದಾಸ್ತಾನುಗಳಿಗೆ ಪಾರ್ಸೇಜ್ ತೆಗೆಯುವ ಹಾಗೆ ಗಾಂಜ ನಲುವಾಗಿ ಪಾರ್ಸೇಜ್ ತೆಗೆಯುವುದಿಲ್ಲವೇ?

Sri N. RACHIAH.—That question does not arise now.

Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU.—If the officer, during whose regime the articles ware stolen, is continued, does the Hon'ble Minister expect smooth progress of the investigation ?

Sri N. RACHIAH.—According to the report of the Excise Commissioner, the present officer has taken charge from the previous officer and the previous officer, according to his own statement, has not counted the materials while giving charge to the present officer.

We are now trying to find out as to who exactly is responsible for the loss.

Sri T. PARTHASARATHY.—Where is the previous officer working now ?

Sri N. RACHIAH.—Outside the Excise Department.

Sri T. PARTHASARATHY.—Is he not under suspension ?

Sri N. RACHIAH.—Government are not aware as to who exactly is the last person who was responsible for the loss.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—In view of the Hon'ble Minister's admission that the present officer took charge of his post without the previous officer counting the materials, is from not the present officer fully responsible for the fact that he took charge without properly taking stock of the materials in the stores ?

Sri N. RACHIAH.—Unless he has taken charge, the officer cannot be held responsible for previous losses. That is why we are investigating into the matter. When we ascertain as to who was really responsible for the loss, we will certainly take action.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಕೆ. ನಾಗೂರ್.—(ಎ) ಭಾಗಕ್ಕೆ ಉತ್ತರ ವಾಗಿ 146 ಸೇರು 20 ಶೂಲ ಗಾಂಜ ಕಡಮೆ ಇತ್ತು ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿಸಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಆಗ ಇದ್ದ ಮೂಲ ದಾಸ್ತಾನು ಎಷ್ಟು?

Sri N. RACHIAH.—There was in store: 'A' variety 572 seers, 'B' variety 358 seers and 'C' variety 465 seers excluding 146 seers 20 tolas.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—The Hon'ble Minister for P.W.D. told the House the other day that this matter is under Police investigation. The Hon'ble Excise Minister is now telling us that the Anti-Corruption Department is seized of the matter. May I know which of the Ministers is correct?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—I do not know in what connection it has been referred to the Anti-Corruption Department. Well, it is also a part and parcel of Government and so it will refer to the appropriate department. That is what I said.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—Were explanations called for from the previous officer as well as the present officer and if so, what are their explanations ?

Sri N. RACHIAH.—When the matter is under investigation, we were not able to call for explanations. Immediately after the report is received we will call for explanations of both the officers and whoever is found guilty will be punished.

Recreation Clubs in the State.

*Q.—256. Sri G. SIVAPPA (Chitaldrug).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of Recreation Clubs registered in the State under the Societies Registration Act;

(*b*) the nature of their activities;

(*c*) the nature of control the Government have over them ?

*A.—Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue).—

(*a*) 282.

(*b*) As per the Memorandum of Association of the respective Societies.

(*c*) (1) Power of Inspection under Section 21-A of the Societies Registration Act in old Mysore Area only.

(2) Power to notify a Society as defunct under the circumstances referred to in Section 21-B of the Societies Registration Act in old Mysore area only.

(3) Government consent is necessary for dissolution of Societies where Government is a member of, or a contributor to, or otherwise interested in any Society registered under the Societies Registration Act 1904 or the corresponding Act in force in other constituent parts of the New Mysore State.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಶಿವಪ್ಪ.— ರಿಕ್ರಿಯೇಷನ್ ಕ್ಲಬ್ಬಿಗೂ ಇನ್ಸ್ಟೀಟಿನ ಜೂಜಾಟದ ಕ್ಲಬ್ಬಿಗೂ ಏನೂ ವ್ಯತ್ಯಾಸವಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ತೋರುವುದಿಲ್ಲವೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಡಿದಾಳ್ ಮಂಜಪ್ಪ.—ಕ್ರಿಕೆಟ್ಟಿನ ಕ್ಲಬ್ಬು ಗಳು, ಫುಟ್‌ಬಾಲ್ ಕ್ಲಬ್ಬುಗಳು ಇತ್ಯಾದಿ ಕ್ಲಬ್ಬು ಗಳೂ ಇವೆ.

Sri G. SIVAPPA.—May I bring to the notice of Government that the number given here is not correct. There are 40 clubs in one town itself.

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—I have to rely upon the report sent by the local officers.